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1. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE FROM MADRID 832 AND 1161, I HAVE RECENTLY RAISED NPT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AREILZA, AND SENATOR PELL HAS ALSO EMPHASIZED ITS IMPORTANCE TO AREILZA, POINTING OUT THAT IT MAY BECOME AN ISSUE DURING SENATE CONSIDERATION OF THE TREATY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE AT A POINT WHEN WE MUST COME TO GRIPS DEFINITELY WITH THE RADIO LIBERTY ISSUE. THIS IS UNDERLINED BY THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION'S INTENTION TO BEGIN AN INVENTORY ON FEBRUARY 23 OF RADIO LIBERTY'S ASSETS IN SPAIN. AS REPORTED IN REF B, I HAD A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE WITH AREILZA, BUT I CANNOT TALK WITH HIM FURTHER ABOUT IT UNTIL NEXT WEEK AFTER HE RETURNS FROM HIS CURRENT EUROPEAN TRIP.

2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF STATE 33834 I EMPHASIZED TO NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND ASIAN AFFAIRS, DURAN-LORIGA, URGENCY OF GOS DECISION ON RADIO LIBERTY. ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM AREILZA, DURAN MADE PROPOSAL TO DCM ON FEB 16

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WHICH LINKED BOTH NPT AND RADIO LIBERTY. THE PROPOSAL WAS

ESSENTIALLY THAT THE GOS WOULD TRY TO SATISFY (IN A WAY HE DID NOT SPECIFY) OUR DESIRES ON RADIO LIBERTY IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT PRESS FOR GOS ADHERENCE TO THE NPT. DURAN EXPLAINED THAT THE MILITARY WILL NOT ACCEPT SPANISH ADHERENCE TO THE NPT AT THIS TIME. IT IS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE FOR THE MILITARY THAT SPAIN SHOULD NOT DO SO WHEN ITS NEIGHBORS, FRANCE, PORTUGAL AND ALGERIA, HAVE NOT DONE SO, AND WHEN IT DOES NOT HAVE A SECURITY COMMITMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES OR NATO. THE MILITARY'S GOOD WILL IS ESSENTIAL TO THIS AND ITS PROGRAMS. DURAN ADMITTED THAT NPT ADHERENCE AND RADIO LIBERTY CONTINUANCE WERE QUITE DIFFERENT MATTERS, AND OF A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE, BUT HE ASKED THAT WE CONSIDER HOW SOME MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION BETWEEN US WITH REGARD TO THE TWO MIGHT BE WORKED OUT.

WE SHALL HAVE LITTLE OR NO LEVERAGE WITH THE CONGRESS ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT MAY OR MAY NOT PRESS THE NPT ADHERENCE ISSUE EITHER DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE TREATY OR IN RELATION TO EXIM FUNDING, BUT AT THE SAME TIME I THINK THAT SPAIN WOULD STRONGLY PREFER NOT TO ADHERE TO NPT AT THIS TIME. MY JUDGMENT IS THAT THE SPANISH MILITARY, WHICH ITSELF IS NOT OVERLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, IS WELL DUG IN ON NPT FOR THE PRESENT AND I AM DOUBTFUL AREILZA RELISHES TRYING TO TAKE THEM ON OVER THIS QUESTION. IT IS CLEAR THAT SPANISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS NOT KEPT FOROFF INFORMED REGARDING VIEWS EXPRESSED IN SENATE LAST SEPTEMBER.

4. THE GOS EVIDENTLY DOES NOT FEEL SO STRONGLY ABOUT RADIO LIBERTY, ALTHOUGH I SENSE THAT AREILZA WOULD BE MORE COMFORTABLE WITHOUT IT AT A TIME WHEN HE WISHES TO OPEN RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. I THINK THAT IF WE PLAY OUR CARDS RIGHT WE MAY ACHIEVE AT LEAST AN EXTENSION OF THE RADIO LIBERTY AGREEMENT.

5. MY SUGGESTION IS THAT WE TELL THE GOS THAT WE SEE NO WAY IN WHICH THESE TWO MATTERS CAN BE LINKED. WHILE WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ARGUE AS PERSUASIVELY AS WE CAN IN THE SENATE THAT THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IS A DELICATELY NEGOTIATED, INTERNALLY COHERENT AGREEMENT THAT MUST STAND ON ITS OWN MERITS, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THE SENATE MAY

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NOT ATTACH OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE TO GOS ADHERENCE TO NPT, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH EXIM BANK FUNDING FOR NUCLEAR REACTORS. MY FURTHER SUGGESTION IS THAT WITH REGARD TO RADIO LIBERTY, NOTE THAT FILURE TO PROVIDE AN EXTENSION OF AT LEAST A YEAR AT THIS TIME WOULD BE NEGATIVELY VIEWED IN US, AND PARTICULARLY BY CERTAIN INFLUENTIAL SENATORS.

6. I WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S REACTIONS BEFORE MY

NEXT OCCASION TO SPEAK WITH AREILZA NEXT WEEK.
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